

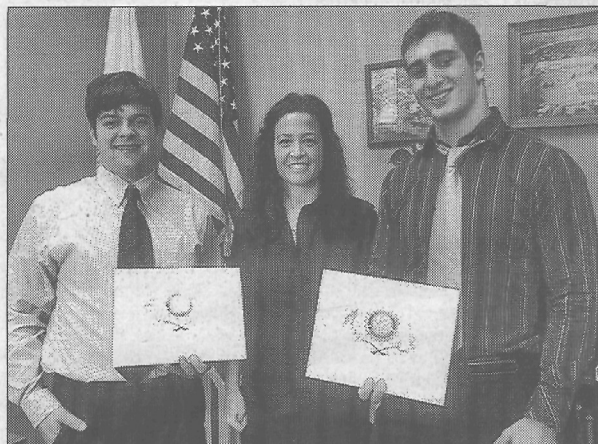
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Richard Rotella, Marla Vandermark and Ryan Billich

Billich and Rotella Named Rotary Students of the Month

South Plainfield High School has announced that the October Rotary Students of the Month are seniors Ryan Billich and Richard Rotella.

Ryan currently holds a 3.98 GPA while balancing involvement in extra curricular clubs and athletics. He is on the varsity wrestling team, volunteers as a recreation soccer coach and is a volunteer guitarist at his church. Ryan is activity involved in the Peer Leadership Club which supports numerous charities within the community. He plans on attending the University of Delaware or Northeastern in the fall to pursue a doctorate degree in physical therapy.

Richard currently holds a 3.89 GPA and is in the top 16% of his class. He is president of the Jerseyan History Club, student director of the marching band and a member of the National Honor Society, Peer Leadership Club, Drama Club, jazz and concert band, orchestra, Announcers Club and Heroes and Cool Kids. He also volunteers his time to the South Plainfield Parks Program, Middle School Drama Club as a stage manager and recently completed the Borough of South Plainfield's Summer Internship Program.

Richard will attend college in the fall majoring in forensic science.

Concert Benefits Autism Research

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus Council #6203 held a live acoustic concert to benefit autism research on October 23 at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Recording artists Billy and Rose Falcon entertained a packed house with songs from their various albums.

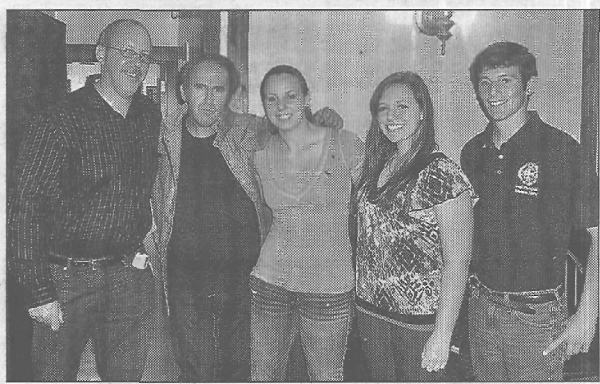
Billy Falcon performed songs from his new CD release, *When*, and the hit single, *Superman Tonight*, which he co-wrote with Bon Jovi for their *Circle* CD. Rose Falcon performed various songs for an upcoming CD soon to be released. Rose is known for her hit single *Up, Up, Up*, recorded for Columbia Records.

After the show Billy and Rose stayed to meet and talk to the many guests who came from as far away as Long Island.

Close to \$2,000 was raised from the event. Proceeds will be given to the Autism New Jersey Foundation.

The event was chaired by Brian Cargill with assistance from Grand Knight Joe Scudato and Knights member Roberto Morales.

The South Plainfield Knights of Columbus would like to thank



Brian Cargill with Billy Falcon, Alexis Cargill, Renee Daubert and Albert Vill.

the following businesses for their generous food donations: Mr. Subs, VA Tramontano Produce, Oak Tree Buy Rite Liquors, Pinhos Bakery in Roselle, Alfonso's Restaurant in East Brunswick, Shop Rite, Stop & Shop and BJ's Wholesale Club.

The Knights would also like to thank Franklin School (and the Board of Education) for the use of the stage, and everyone who attended the concert.

For more information about Billy and Rose Falcon, or to have them perform at your event, email billyfalcon@billyfalcon.com, ourgang07@aol.com or call (516) 979-5715. To join the email list for upcoming concert info, visit www.billyfalcon.com.

For more information on Autism New Jersey Foundation, visit www.autismnewjersey.org.

Report Shows Significant Drop In School Violence and Vandalism

By Libby Barsky

For the past five years vandalism to district schools as well as the cost of repairing the damage has gone down from a high of 46 incidents of vandalism in the 2005/2006 school year to six incidents as reported in the state-mandated Violence and Vandalism Report for 2009/2010. Ten vandalism incidents had been recorded in the previous school year, 2008/2009.

Costs to the district have gone down from a high of \$23,651 five years ago to repair 13 vandalism incidents in 2005/2006 to \$450 for two vandalism incidents in 2009/2010, compared to last year's cost of \$2,479.

Board member Carol Byrne believes that the increased use of the new surveillance system has made the efforts by the district to have parents pay for vandalism damage caused by their children, thus reducing the cost to the district for repairs.

"We always went after the parents, but they would claim, 'It's not my child!'" Byrne explained. According to her, parental denial is now more difficult with the visual evidence recordings by the digital cameras. The cameras have been so successful that BOE member Bill Seesselberg wants to add new wireless digital cameras to the parking lot area.

Violence has also gone down in the district to 10 incidents for 2009/2010 from a high of 36 reported incidents in the 2004/2005 school year.

The report was released at the October 27 Board of Education meeting. Dr. Gary Bowen, interim superintendent of schools, read the statistics on the number of incidents of violence

Annual District Report of Violence and Vandalism

Count of Incidents by Reporting Category

The Annual District Report of Violence and Vandalism is presented locally at a public hearing in October following the end of the school year.

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|----------------|----|----------------------|---|
| Violence..... | 10 | Weapons..... | 1 |
| Vandalism..... | 6 | Substance Abuse..... | 1 |

Cost of Vandalism

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|---|-----------|
| Incidents Involving Cost to District..... | 2 (\$450) |
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Actions Taken

| | | | |
|--|----|--------------------------------|----|
| Police Notified (no complaint)..... | 2 | Offenders and Victims | |
| Police Notified (complaint filed)..... | 4 | Student Offenders | 20 |
| In-School Suspension..... | 0 | Student Victims | 4 |
| Out-of-School Suspension..... | 19 | School Personnel Victims | 1 |
| Expulsions, Unilateral Removals, | | Student Victims of | |
| Removal by ALJ..... | 0 | Violent Criminal Offense | 1 |

Program Provided Upon Disciplinary Action

| | | | |
|---|----|--|----|
| Assignments, Instruction and/or Support Services | 19 | Home Assignment, Home Instruction | 17 |
| In-School Program | 2 | Out-of-District Program..... | 0 |
| In-District Program..... | 2 | | |

occurring in the district's schools during 2009/2010. They included one weapon incident compared to two in the previous year, and one substance abuse incident compared

to 11 in 2008/2009. Actions taken by the district included 19 out of school suspensions, four police complaints and twice no complaints were made after police notification.

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CROP Walk Success: On October 17, members of area churches—First Baptist, Wesley Methodist, St. Stephen's Lutheran, Rescue House of Prayer, Pilgrim Covenant and Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church—joined in the CROP Walk to end hunger. Along with over 60 walkers, many more made donations totaling over \$2,500 to their local churches to support the worldwide movement to end hunger in America and across the world.

Join in the Holiday Spirit....
The South Plainfield Athletic Department
The South Plainfield High School Athletic Booster Club
are sponsoring a

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Please do not forget about children between the ages of 12 and 17



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To purchase a complete copy of a council or BOE meeting, contact the Observer.

(Check Comcast community bulletin board for last minute time changes.)

council meetings

Meets twice a month on Mondays, *except where noted.

Borough Hall Council Chambers • Questions? 908-226-7605

Agenda Meeting Public Meeting

November 22 November 22

December 6 December 6

All Agenda Meetings begin at 7 p.m. followed immediately by the Public Meeting, unless otherwise noted. Meetings of the Governing Body are held in accordance with the N.J. Open Public Meetings Act (N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.) in the Council Chambers at 2480 Plainfield Ave.

planning board

Meets second and fourth Tuesday of the month, *except where noted.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641

Dec. 7.

zoning board of adjustment

Meets second and fourth Thursday of the month, *except where noted.

Borough Hall Council Chambers, 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7641

Dec. 9.*

board of education

Meets Wednesdays at Roosevelt Administration Gymnasium on Jackson Ave.

Committee of the whole meetings (begin at 6:00 p.m.) Dec. 8.

2011: Jan. 12, Feb. 9, March 2 and March 30.

Regular Public Meeting (begin at 7:30 p.m.): Nov. 17, Dec. 15. 2011: Jan. 19,

Feb. 16, March 16, April 6.

BOE curriculum/technology/student activities

Meets once a month on Wednesdays at 4 p.m. in 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building on Jackson Ave.

BOE buildings & grounds

Meets second Monday of the month at 7 p.m., 2nd floor conference room, Roosevelt Administration Building

library board of trustees

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday, at the library at 7 p.m.

recreation commission

Meets once a month on the second Tuesday of the month, except July and August PAL Building, Maple Ave. 7 p.m. Questions? 908-226-7716

taxpayers advisory group

The Taxpayers Advisory Group (TAG) meets the fourth Tuesday of every month at Borough Hall, 2480 Plainfield Ave. at 7 p.m. Questions? 908-769-0786.

site plan sub-committee

Meets once a month on the third Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m.

Nov. 16, Dec. 21

environmental commission

Meets once a month (second Wednesday) Borough Hall Conference Room, 8 p.m.

Questions? 908-226-7621

Dec. 8, Jan. 12, 2011

business advisory group

Meets once a month (first Wednesday) Borough Hall Council Chambers, 5 p.m.

ad hoc alternative truck route committee

Nov. 29 at 7 p.m. in the Senior Center Questions? 908-226-7605

In My Opinion

Opinions expressed in this column are not necessarily those of the publisher, nor do we guarantee accuracy.

To the Residents of South Plainfield:

It is a sad day when a better qualified candidate, and a man that has dedicated his life to making this town a better place to live loses a mayoral election. Michael English did not lose the election on November 2. The residents of South Plainfield have lost one of the finest men to ever serve this town.

To the 40% of registered voters who came out on Election Day—thank you for making your voice heard. To the other 60% of registered voters in South Plainfield who did not cast their vote—Do you care enough about your community to cast a vote? No, obviously not.

To the Republican winners Anesh, Rusnak and McConville, congratulations on your win. But, I challenge you to keep your campaign promises to the people of South Plainfield and bring this community together.

**LIFE-LONG RESIDENT
AND LOVING SON,
BRIAN ENGLISH**

Dear Friends,

We are approaching the time of year when we very often count our blessings and think of ways we can share our good fortune with others. We hope that you will consider sharing your blessings to help a family in need.

The Association of New Jersey Chiropractors, a non-profit state organization, is sponsoring a statewide food drive. There are offices throughout the state where people can drop off non-perishable food for those in need. Food will be donated to local food banks in that region.

The local drop off office is located at 129 South Plainfield Ave.

All non-perishable food will be donated to the FISH Hospitality Program. FISH has been serving homeless women and families since 1990, providing shelter and meals, as well as offering assistance locating employment and affordable housing.

Please drop off all items at the office through Monday, Nov. 22. The office is open Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

In these most difficult times, we should pause to reflect how truly

blessed we are compared to others who don't even have a roof over their head or food to eat. Thank you for helping those most in need.

**SINCERELY,
ANTHONY J. DECOSTA, DC**

Dear Editor,

On October 25, the junior class of South Plainfield High School attended an assembly concerning the Junior Prom. Last year, it was voted that a Junior Semi-Formal would not take place for 2011 due to the lack of attendance in the prior year. However, this decision was made without a junior class advisor, since the advisor had retired. Because there was no voice for the junior class in making this decision, confusion and disapproval erupted.

The anger of the student body led to a vote to give the Student Council an idea of how many people would attend the prom if it would occur. Without a given reason, to date students still haven't received the outcome to the vote. During the assembly, students were supposed to be provided with the pros and cons of having a junior prom. The pros, being obvious, were not touched upon.

It was stated by Mrs. Naso, English teacher and newly assigned junior class advisor, that "this assembly was not held to be turned into a debate." Although I understand where she was coming from, if I was able to voice my opinion, I could have posed an argument for just about everything that was said during it.

One argument made was that "if we save the money we would spend on junior prom, our senior prom could be better." Although a valid statement, they did not provide us with examples of things that could improve our senior prom. I was lucky enough to attend junior prom my freshman year and senior prom my sophomore year. Not once did I find anything to complain about. Having fun at prom is primarily based on the student's attitude. Provided with music, food and a venue, a person is able to make fun out of the time spent. Little things like slushy machines or photo booths are not essential in the setting.

Another subject that was mentioned were the expenses. I understand that some people are in no place to afford the price of prom bids. At the assembly, student council officers explained that the price of the bids would be between \$60 and \$100. I overheard people at the assembly saying that the price was way too high. Fundraising

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is something that has always worked in the past to make prom bids a reasonable price. If we were able to fundraise enough to get the price down to around \$60, which it has been in the past, it should not have posed an issue. It was said at the assembly that fundraising could take place, so it is beyond me why this subject went over everyone's heads.

Mrs. Briskin, another English teacher at SPHS, organized a trip to Medieval Times for the entire junior class. Although it was by no means put together to take the place of the junior prom, it is now the only thing the junior class do together. Not only is it held in December (when prom is usually held in May) and just a trip during the hours of school, it will also cost \$50 to attend. If the price of this is not a problem, I can't see the problem with the price of the prom bids.

Various other high schools have homecoming dances, winter dances, Valentine's Day dances, etc. All SPHS has is junior and senior prom. I feel as though SPHS lacks school spirit and that taking away the junior prom is lowering the spirit even more. Although we are still unsure of the outcome, I also feel that the assembly held on October 25, in the manner it was presented, manipulated the majority of the student body into voting "no" by emphasizing the bad things about holding a junior prom. I strongly believe that people should keep their minds open to the issue and really think about both sides, pros and cons, to avoid keeping only a negative outlook on the situation.

**RESPECTFULLY,
ASHLEY LINICK**

The South Plainfield Elks Veterans Committee is selling the Entertainment Book for \$30.



Contact Lou Peralta at (908) 756-6406.

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American Legion Post 243 Vice Commander Joe Penyak presents a donation to Veterans Haven on behalf of Post Commander Jim Yednak. (L-R) Daniel McCole, alternate national executive committeeman; Bob Looby; County Commander Jim Muller and Joe Penyak.



Daniel McCole presents a plaque to Joe Penyak for Post 243's youth program.

Chaumont Post 243 Wins American Legion State Award

The Chaumont Post 243 hosted the Middlesex County American Legion meeting on October 27. The group was addressed by N.J. State Department Commander Bob Looby who spoke about the state project—an addition of 46 bedrooms to Veterans Haven, a facility for homeless veterans. Over \$7,500 was collected for the project, with Post 243 donating \$1,000.

Post 243 was awarded a plaque for conducting the third best youth program in New Jersey. In addition to

sponsoring American Legion baseball teams, the post also provides meeting space for Boy Scout Troop 207. In each of the last two years, two candidates have been sent to the NJ Boys State Leadership Conference at Rider University. Over the last two years, Chaumont Post has awarded \$11,000 in scholarships to South Plainfield residents or relatives of Post 243 members.

The next fundraiser for Legion scholarships, the second of four breakfast buffets hosted by the auxiliary, will be held Sunday, Nov. 21.

Yard Waste Site Leaf/Holiday Schedule

The South Plainfield Yard Waste Site at the end of Kenneth Avenue began its leaf season. Yard waste will be open 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Saturday and until 7 p.m. on Tuesdays through December 11. A current yard waste decal must be mounted on your vehicle for access. Decals are available from the municipal clerk in Borough Hall. Bring the registration of the vehicle you will be using.

Leaf bags are available at the borough garage until November 12. Bring the coupon from the green curbside pickup program flier.

The recycling drop-off center on Kenneth Avenue is open noon to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays.

For updates, call the recycling hotline: (908) 226-7620.

French Cuisine at Sacred Heart Food Festival

The Church of The Sacred Heart in South Plainfield will host the fourth in a series of food festivals on Friday, Nov. 19 at 6 p.m., with a French cuisine theme. Provencal French delicacies will be served a la carte which include hors d'oeuvres, soup, entree and dessert.

There will be one dinner seating; tickets will not be sold at the door. Tickets (\$12 per person) may be purchased after all the weekend Masses or at the Parish Office. Call (908) 756-0633, ext. 110 for Mary Ann Ronzo or ext. 111 for Liza Thompson.

For more information, call Chef Raul Rodriguez at (908) 755-7277.

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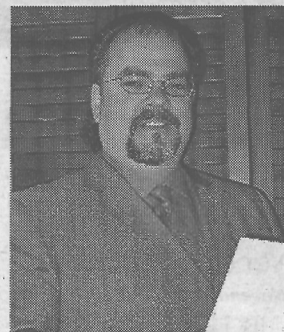
MUSIC NOTES

The Music Boosters would like to thank the following people for making generous donations to the Marching Band Festival Competition on October 16: Mr. Abbruzzese and the South Plainfield Emergency Management Team for donating two construction site lights and Dennis Moskal for adding something new and very successful to our menu this year; the fried Oreos and Twinkies were wonderful!

Important Dates to remember:
Monday, November 15—Applebee's fundraiser.

—Submitted by Donna Teller

Suburban Woman's Club NEWS



Anthony Cancela, Jr.

The regular meeting of the Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield was held at the American Legion meeting room on November 4. Refreshments were served and after the administrative business was attended to, President Lucy Hudson called on the various chairpersons to give their reports.

Marge Reidy, who is in charge of the wrapping paper and candy sales project, had all of the items ordered with her for distribution. The proceeds from these sales will go the club's local charity fund. Frieda Walker, theater party chairperson, reported that a good number of ticket returns came in, but she urged the members to continue to sell tickets to benefit the club's scholarship fund and local charities.

Special State Project Chairperson Natalie Bergen will be getting her

committee together to decide on a fundraiser for Gilda's Club, an affiliate of Cancer Support Community and The Wellness Community.

Home Life Community Service Chairperson Jeanine Kimmel collected nonperishable food and funds from the members to purchase perishables for the Thanksgiving basket that she is preparing for a needy family.

Grace Bertucci, membership chairperson, introduced new member Diana Cotonea and told a bit about her before she was installed as a member.

After the completion of club business, Anthony Cancela, Jr., RHU, RFC of South Plainfield was introduced by Natalie Bergen, program chairman. Cancela conducted a seminar entitled, "Health Plan Options for People with Medicare" that included an explanation of Medicare, Medicare prescription drug benefits and how Medigap plans and Medicare Advantage plans work with Medicare. This popular seminar is often praised for making complex information easy to understand. A question and answer session followed, and the women actively participated in this very interesting program.

Correction

Last week's Observer incorrectly identified the drummer at the South Plainfield High School Band Festival. His name is Joseph Parillo. We regret the error.

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Around Town

Knights Annual Trivia Night

November 13

Knights of Columbus Council #6203 will hold its annual trivia night on Saturday, Nov. 13 at the Senior Center, 90 Maple Ave. Doors open 6:30 p.m.; first question at 7:02 p.m. sharp. Gather your table of party friends and join the fun. Entertaining categories—something for everyone. Free soda, popcorn and pretzels. Cash prize for first place. Door prizes. Bring your favorite party snacks and decorations for your table. Table of eight only \$160!

To reserve a table, call Joe Scudato at (908) 406-5920. Benefits Middlesex County Make A Wish Foundation.

Yard/Craft Sale at Pilgrim Covenant

November 13

Pilgrim Covenant Church, located at 3121 Park Ave., will host a town-wide community parking lot sale on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Crafts, pocketbooks, school furniture, children's and household items will be on sale. A student from Rutgers will be selling wristbands in support of Rutgers football player, Eric LeGrand. All proceeds from the sale of the wristbands will benefit Eric. The sale will be held rain or shine.

For more information, call Chris at (908) 561-8057.

Enjoy the Sounds of Big Band Music

November 14

The South Plainfield Senior Center is sponsoring a trip to see "In the Mood" at the State Theatre in New Brunswick on Sunday, Nov. 14. Enjoy the sounds of big band music. Show starts at 3 p.m. Tickets: \$35, includes transportation only. Bus leaves at noon so you may have time to get lunch.

A New Brain at Edison Valley Playhouse

November 14

The Suburban Woman's Club of South Plainfield is sponsoring a pro-

duction of *A New Brain*, a light musical at the Edison Valley Playhouse on Oak Tree Road in Edison. Tickets are \$20. Homemade refreshments and punch will be served. Door prizes.

For tickets, call (908) 757-3680.

JFK School Annual Vendor/Craft Show

November 18

JFK Elementary School, 2900 Norwood Ave., will host its annual vendor/craft show on Thursday, Nov. 18 from 6-9 p.m. Cash and carry; orders taken from over 35 unique vendors.

For more information, call (908) 755-8912.

Church Bake Sale

November 20

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Orthodox Church, located at 400 Delmore Ave. (corner of Delmore and Belmont), will hold a bake sale on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Special pierogi sale \$5-\$6 per dozen. All proceeds go directly to the church.

Holiday Boutique And Tea Room

November 20

Wesley United Methodist Church, 1500 Plainfield Ave., will hold its annual holiday boutique and tea room on Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Enjoy a relaxing luncheon in the tea room. Unique handcrafted items include jewelry, knitted and crocheted apparel and home items, original paintings, stationery, wreaths, wood crafts, and vendors such as Longaberger Baskets, Discovery Toys, Dove Chocolate at Home, Arbonne Skin Care and Party-Lite candles and home furnishings. Enjoy homemade baked goods or take some home. Children can create their own gift or ornament at our "Make-Take Table."

For more information, call (908) 755-3850.

Wrestling Club Fundraising Dinner

November 20

The South Plainfield Wrestling Club will host its second annual Tiger

takedown buffet on Saturday, Nov. 20 at Gabrielle's in Piscataway. Tickets: \$25/adults, \$10/children under 12. Cash bar available. They will also be drawing the winning ticket for its Super 50/50. Proceeds benefit the SPHS wrestling team's trip to the Virginia Duals. Tickets available at the door.

For tickets or information, call Pam Heilmann at (908) 294-6009 or Joe Sacco at (908) 500-7336.

American Legion Breakfast Buffet

November 21

American Legion Chaumont Post #243, located on Oak Tree Avenue, will hold an all you can eat breakfast buffet on Sunday, Nov. 21 from 8 a.m. to noon. Adults: \$6; children \$3; under six, free. All profits go to the scholarship fund.

Cub Scout Pack 224 To Hold a Breakfast

November 21

Cub Scout Pack 224 will hold a breakfast at the Elk's Lodge, located on New Market Ave., on Sunday, Nov. 21 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Cost is \$6 per person.

Ecumenical Service Of Thanksgiving

November 23

The Association of South Plainfield Churches will host an Ecumenical Service of Thanksgiving on Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 7:30 p.m. The worship service will be held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 3145 Park Ave. For more information, call (908) 757-4474. All are invited.

Prior to the service at 7:10 p.m. there will be a Thanksgiving Musical Meditation. It will be offered by Tom Baker, parish organist, and Mei Lu Wu, a concert pianist who studied at the Central Conservatory, Beijing, and at Stuttgart State University for Music in Germany. Mei Lu has given concerts in Europe and the USA, and as a child performed for President Nixon during his visit to China. All are invited.

Sacred Heart Christmas Concert

November 28

Sacred Heart Church's 11th annual Christmas concert featuring The Orchestra of St. Peter by the Sea, conducted by the Rev. Alphons Stephenson will be held on Sunday, Nov. 28 at 3 p.m. Tickets are available by calling (908) 756-0633, ext. 110 or 111. Come and enjoy the wonderful music and welcome in the holiday season.

Following the concert the Knights of Columbus will host a dinner in the school cafeteria. To purchase tickets (\$15), call Kevin Keane at (908) 753-2976 or the parish center at (908) 756-0633, ext. 110.

— Out of Town —

Middlesex East WOWs Open Dance

November 12

Middlesex East Widows Or Widowers, Carteret Chapter, will hold an open dance on Friday, Nov. 12 from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 1155 Roosevelt Ave. in Carteret. Live music and refreshments. Admission: \$10 members; \$12 guests.

For more information, call (732) 969-2228 or (908) 757-0515.

Holiday Bazaar

November 13

Connecticut Farms Presbyterian Church, 888 Stuyvesant Ave. in Union will hold a holiday bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 13 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Handcrafted gifts, holiday decorations, homemade cakes and cookies. Snack bar will be open.

For table rentals, call (908) 245-0562. Proceeds go to mission projects.

Chanukah Boutique And Book Fair

November 14

Temple Shalom of Fanwood/Scotch Plains will hold its annual Chanukah Boutique and Book Fair in the cafeteria of Union Catholic High School, 1600 Martine Ave. in

SENIOR CENTER Calendar

Coming Up....

Nov. 14-State Theatre: In the Mood, Big Band Music, \$35, noon
Nov. 18-Bally's

MONDAYS

Silver Sneakers 8:45 am
Crocheting 9:30-11:30 am
Yoga 10:30 am
Art Class 11:30 am

TUESDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm
Ladies Group 10 am

WEDNESDAYS

Aerobics 8:45 am
Line Dancing 10 am
Computer... 10 am, 11:30 am, 1 pm
Crocheting 1 pm
Tai Chi 2 pm

THURSDAYS

Active Seniors 8:45 am
Shopping Trip 9 am
Crafts Class 10 am
Computer 10 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm
Exercise Class 1:15 pm

FRIDAYS

Bingo 10 am-2 pm

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Scotch Plains on Sunday, Nov. 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. New and favorite Jewish titles; Judaica, personalized gifts, Discovery toys, gift cards, jewelry, Longaberger baskets, soaps, tie dyed clothing, handmade cards, home decor and pottery. Baked goods, hot dogs and drinks available for purchase.

For more information, call (908) 889-4900. Proceeds benefit Temple Shalom's religious school.

Grief and the Holidays Lecture

November 15

Center For Hope Hospice & Palliative Care, 1900 Raritan Road in Scotch Plains will offer a "Grief and the Holidays" lecture on Monday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. Open to the public.

For more information, call (908) 654-3711.

Choral Group to Perform at Beth Israel

November 16

The choral group Shiru Nah will perform at the Women's Fall Dinner at Congregation Beth Israel, located at 18 Shalom Way in Scotch Plains on Tuesday, Nov. 16 at 7 p.m. Sponsored by the synagogue's Sisterhood, the event is open to the community.

To register, call (908) 889-9553 or (908) 654-1582.

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NEWS FROM SACRED HEART SCHOOL



FAITH IN ACTION: Students Work To Raise Autism Awareness

Sacred Heart School children recently participated in a school-wide effort to raise awareness about autism and raise money for autism research. Students at Sacred Heart School were able to raise \$260 by purchasing puzzle pieces for 10 cents each. Classes were then challenged to create sculptures from the puzzle pieces. The money raised was donated to Autism Speaks. This is another fine example of what Catholic education is all about, looking out for one another and putting our faith into action by lending help to those in need.

Taking it Out of the Classroom Students Learn by Doing

Autumn is a busy, but exciting time of the year for third and fourth graders at Sacred Heart School. To introduce their science lesson about plant and animal life, the third graders examined the parts of an apple and used fractions to measure ingredients for their delicious, homemade applesauce. Not only did they have fun and learn a lot, but the aroma of fresh apples was enjoyed throughout the school.

The highlight of their studies culminated in a visit to the recently reopened Farmers Market on Front Street. The market prepared for our visit by setting up a delightful "pumpkin patch" where the children selected their very own pumpkins. The third graders held a pumpkin-painting contest, while the fourth graders painted their pumpkins to resemble the world.

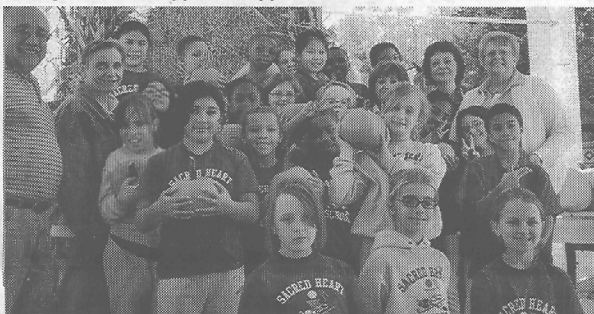
A fun time was had by all. Teachers, Mrs. Goetz and Mrs. Matousek, and the children wish to thank The Tramtano Family and Front Street Farmers Market for their kindness and generosity. The visit was a prime example of a "community" at work.



Sacred Heart Principal Terry Golden, Student Council President Virginia Novak, Student Council Vice President Angela LoBosco and Autism Awareness volunteer Maureen McCabe-Nash and sons, Cain and Keller.



Third graders cook apples for applesauce.



Students visit Farmers Market on Front Street.



Fourth graders painted pumpkins to resemble the globe.

Book Drive Through Dec. 3

By Kenneth Morgan

Time for some more news from the South Plainfield Library. So, let's put down the rake for a moment and read along.

After a one week break, we'll be back to our usual schedule of children's programs next week.

For those who missed it the other times it's been listed (or those who never get tired of reading it), here's that schedule: "Storytime," for children ages four and over, is held on Tuesday mornings at 10:30, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 and Thursday afternoons at 1:15. "Time for 2's & 3's," for children ages two and three, is held Wednesday and Thursday mornings at 10:30. And "Babytime," for children ages two and under, is held on Friday mornings at 10:30. Each program lasts about an hour and features stories, songs and a craft activity for older kids. If you'd like more information, please call us (see below for our number) and ask for Miss Linda or Miss Mija.

Once again, we at the library are a part of the Books to Keep drive. Each year, Books to Keep collects new books for children and young people, which are then distributed to needy kids throughout Middlesex County. We ask you to please give generously to this worthy cause. You'll find the collection box at the circulation desk. If you prefer, we also have a donation jar at the desk for those wishing to donate cash, along with donation envelopes. The drive will run until Friday, Dec. 3, but late-coming books will still be accepted.

Here's a bit of a note regarding the A/V collection. Following our decision to increase the borrowing time for older DVDs from a two-day to a seven-day period, we've decided to repackage our collection of TV series discs. Previously, season-long groups had been divided into single-disc cases. Now, whole seasons are being placed into multi-disc cases. Not only does this free up a lot of room on our shelves, but it allows you to watch a whole season of your favorite TV show without waiting for an individual

disc to be returned. We've just started this re-packaging and it should be done pretty soon. We do have one request, though; more than ever, make sure you return

all of the discs in the set you borrow. If you lose one disc, you'll be responsible for paying the cost of the entire set. Make no mistake, we will find you

and we will bill you.

Here's a computer update: at this writing, Verizon has completed the needed rewiring for us to increase our computer bandwidth. (And there was much rejoicing. Yay!) We hope to have everything all squared away by the time you read this in this week's *Observer*. Once again, thanks to everyone for your patience as we were working on the problem.

We have room for a note from our Notary Public. (Odd, but those always seem to be included when I write the column.) There's no need to make an appointment for the notary, but you're advised to call ahead to check on his work schedule. Otherwise, he's available whenever he's on duty.

Finally, a bit of a preview. Our cataloging and processing staff has been busily working on a bunch of newly arrived books for our collection. New additions include titles from J.D. Robb, John Grisham, Catherine Coulter, James Patterson and David Baldacci. We're also adding more donated and inherited DVDs, as well as brand-new season sets from *The Office*, *Sherlock* and the complete series of *The Pacific*. These items will be on the shelf very soon. Patrons may reserve new items (with the exception of new feature film DVDs) for 50 cents each.

That's all for now. For more details, please call us at (908) 754-7885 or visit our website at www.southplainfield.lib.nj.us. Catch you later.

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JUNIOR JOURNALIST



Junior Journalist winner Allison Wagner with Interim SPHS Principal Tony Massaro.

Allison Wagner Named Junior Journalist

South Plainfield High School junior Allison Wagner is this week's winner in the Junior Journalist program. Allison wrote the poem, "Kindness is Eternal and Love Will Last," for her English Honors class. Her work has earned dinner for her family, courtesy of Hometown Heros.

Students should submit their original written works to their teachers, Hometown Heros or to the *Observer* at 1110 Hamilton Blvd.

Winners and their families will receive a catered dinner from Hometown Heros and will be honored at a year-end banquet in May of 2011.

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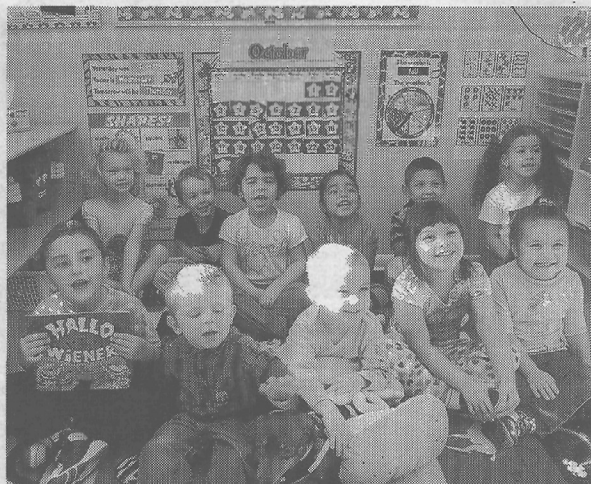
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Kindness is Eternal and Love Will Last

By Allison Wagner

The wrinkles on his skin were dark and deep
And the arc of his nose was strangely steep.
His cheekbones were angular and darker
Than the rest of his face which was starker
Than any sugar or milk or flour.
He did not live each day by the hour
And instead focused on staying alive
For he couldn't do simple things like drive
To the grocery store or to the park
Where he could listen to songs of a lark
Singing quite sweetly in his damaged ear.
It was a shame the poor man couldn't hear
For he once loved a woman that could sing
Pretty much any song or anything.
He would often record her lovely voice
But she wouldn't listen to it by choice
Only when he made her would she listen
And when she did her eyes would glisten.
He could never forget her warm smile
Or how she promised she'd stay awhile.
However, one cold day she did pass on
As she walked through the white snow on her lawn.
Ever since she died he avoided church
Because each time he prayed his heart would lurch
So instead he continued with his job
Which he thankfully had because of Rob
Who inspired his love for crafting tools
Such as cabinets and wardrobes and stools.
He also made violins with very fine wood
Better than any man ever tried or could
And sometimes he would even create a pin
That looked like a cross and could erase sin.
It would embellish everything he wore
And make him fancier and less poor
Because the detail on each pin was great
And each line and word was perfectly straight.
The people that bought his intricate tools
Would not pay him with rich and fancy jewels.
Instead they would bring him clothing and food
And give him money to not seem too rude.
He used the money mainly to restock
But on sunny days he would go and walk
And donate the rest to various things
Such as helping the near schools buy new strings
For their small violins he made by hand
Because he was that generous a man.
Although he was quite kind he was alone
And when he died, there, engraved on his stone
As a small quote he said before he passed:
"Kindness is eternal and love will last."



Miss Heide and Miss Caitlin's preschool classes at A Small World Preschool had a special visitor for Halloween. Sasha, a dachshund, dressed as a hot dog, came to hear the story *Hallo Wiener*. It's about a dachshund named Oscar who was embarrassed and upset when his owner dressed him as a hot dog for Halloween, and he was teased by the other dogs. They learned that it is not right to tease other people and hurt their feelings.

policereport

- On October 28 Vitangelo Mancini was arrested at Restaurant Depot for shoplifting \$203 worth of food.
- Sherry L. Mayle of Old Bridge was arrested at Shop Fair for shoplifting a \$3 bottle of carrot oil hair conditioner.
- On October 30 Richard A. Johnson was arrested for careless driving and driving while intoxicated.
- On October 31 a Ledden Terrace resident reported that their vehicle had been keyed.
- Alfredo Moran was arrested for

driving while intoxicated, reckless driving and driving on a suspended license.

• An Audubon Avenue resident reported that two of their vehicles had eggs and peanut butter smeared on them.

• On November 1 the Park Avenue Diner reported that the chain on a fence in the parking lot had been broken and a stainless steel sink was taken.

• A South Plainfield Avenue resident reported that two of their vehicles had been spray painted.

CARE Center at MCC to Help Adults Return to College

A program at Middlesex County College, the Center for Adults Returning to Education (CARE), will ease the way for those 21 years old and older as they return to school to complete their associate's degree. They must have attended a college in New Jersey between 2000 and 2009 but not be currently enrolled; have at least 31 college credits with a 2.5 grade point average or better; and be in good academic standing.

A CARE counselor will assist them during the enrollment process, and several campus departments will offer special

workshops and tutoring throughout the academic year. The application fee is waived for participants and they will also receive a \$200 voucher at the College Bookstore each semester. To find out if you are eligible for the CARE Program, call (732) 906-2509.

"Adults 'Stop-Out' of college for a variety of reasons—personal, financial or job-related," said Marla Brinson, dean of enrollment and student support services.

Prospective students who are unemployed may be eligible for funding for tuition; they should contact their local Department of Labor One-Stop to check. The CARE Center is funded by a grant from the New Jersey Commission on Higher Education.

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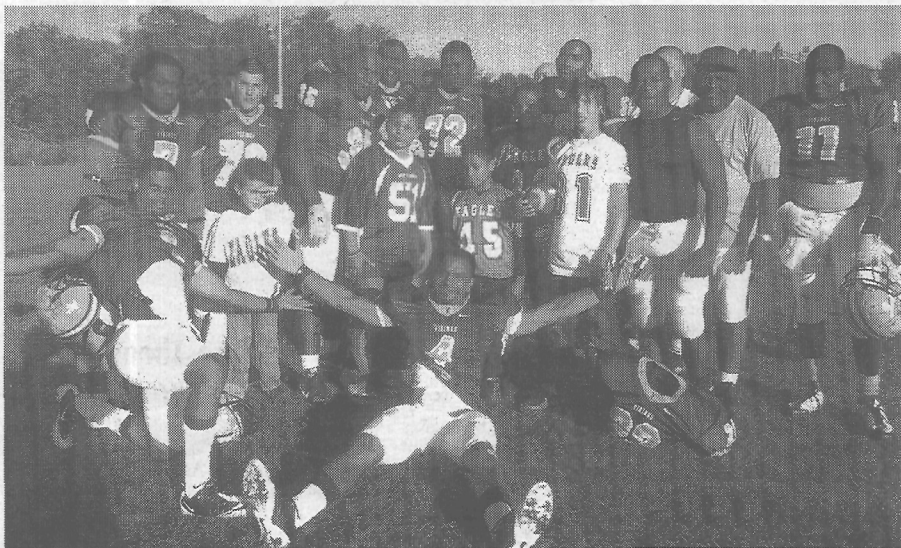
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Sports



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MS Vikings Advance to First Round of B.E.F.F. Playoffs

If you like football, then come on out with the family for some exciting gridiron action. The South Plainfield MS Vikings have teamed up with the South Plainfield Pop Warner Eagles

to bring the next best thing to professional football. That's right—grown men battling it out on the football field! This is not two hand touch or flag football, it is

live tackle football. The Vikings have played several home games on the Eagles Football field this year and have now advanced to the first round of the Big East Football Federation (B.E.F.F.) playoffs.

The Vikings will be going up against the Lehigh Cardinals who offer a strong defense and a well balanced offensive attack.

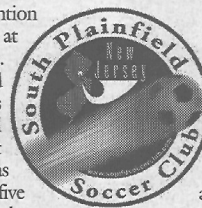
Join us this Saturday, Nov. 13 at 7 p.m. (under the lights) to cheer on the Vikings for some hard hitting football action at the South Plainfield Football Eagles Field on Kenneth Avenue. Admission is \$5 adults and \$2 for seniors and children.

SOCCER CLUB

By Dawn Hutchison

Register for Spring Soccer

The Teacher's Convention Soccer Camp was held at the PAL this past week. Spencer Rockman and his crew kept the 17 kids who attended focused and working throughout the two days the camp was held. Boys and girls, ages five through 12, attended and were broken into groups by age where skills and drills were enforced according to ability, and the kids had a great time throughout. Although the first day's rain primarily kept the kids inside, the second day's clear skies allowed the kids to get out on the turf and put their full skills to the test. The kids also enjoyed a pizza lunch and some play-ground time in between all their hard work. The SPSC would like to thank Spencer Rockman, Loni Rockman, Ryan Wallace, Liz Scoda and Michael Robinson from Rovers, Kevin Hughes and the SP Recreation Department and all the kids who attended in making the camp a success. We hope to continue this camp again next year during the teacher's convention break.



The club will be registering the spring U-16 through U-19 teams in December. We would like to ask any coaches who wish to coach a team this spring to approach the board as soon as possible. We are trying

to get an idea of how many teams we will have this spring and get the necessary paperwork in order for league registration. Any potential coaches should contact Dom Cirilli or Phil Battista. Contact information is available at www.soplfdsoccerclub.com.

The next general meeting will be held on Thursday, Dec. 2 at 7:30 p.m., downstairs at the VFW on Front Street. Please come out and support the club and get involved in all that is the SPSC.

This week's home games will certainly, once again, offer up some excitement. We even have a Friday night game under the lights, with lots of hot chocolate available at the snackstand. Come on out and cheer the teams on. Thanks, as always, for your support.

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ORDINANCE NO. 1906

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 403 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, November 12, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, November 22, 2010 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended that Chapter 403 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield entitled Stormwater Management be amended to add regulations concerning private storm drain inlet retrofitting as required as part of the Borough's New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater Permit; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance shall be enacted simultaneously and in conjunction with Ordinance No. 1907;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 403 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield, Stormwater Management, be amended as follows:

Current Sections 403-4 (Exception to Prohibition); 403-5 (Enforcement); and (Violations and Penalties) shall be renumbered as Sections 403-6 (Exception to Prohibition); 403-7 (Enforcement); and 403-8 (Violations and Penalties);

ADD: SECTION 403-4. PRIVATE STORM DRAIN INLET RETROFITTING.

A. Purpose.

To require the retrofitting of existing storm drain inlets which are in direct contact with repaving, repaving, reconstruction, or resurfacing or alterations of facilities on private property, to prevent the discharge of solids and floatables (such as plastic bottles, cans, food wrappers and other litter) to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the Borough of South Plainfield so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

B. Definitions.

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

1. Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) – a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated

by the Borough of South Plainfield or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater.

2. Person – any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

3. Storm drain inlet – an opening in a storm drain used to collect stormwater runoff and includes, but is not limited to, a grate inlet, curb-opening inlet, slotted inlet, and combination inlet.

4. Waters of the State – means the ocean and its estuaries, all springs, streams and bodies of surface or ground water, whether natural or artificial, within the boundaries of the State of New Jersey or subject to its jurisdiction.

C. Prohibited Conduct.

No person in control of private property (except a residential lot with one single family house) shall authorize the repaving, repairing (excluding the repair of individual potholes), resurfacing (including top coating or chip sealing with asphalt emulsion or a thin base of hot bitumen), reconstructing or altering any surface that is in direct contact with an existing storm drain inlet on that property unless the storm drain inlet either:

1. Already meets the design standard below to control passage of solid and floatable materials; or
2. Is retrofitted or replaced to meet the standard in Section V below prior to the completion of the project.

D. Design Standard.

Storm drain inlets identified in Section B above shall comply with the following standard to control passage of solid and floatable materials through storm drain inlets. For purposes of this paragraph, "solid and floatable materials" means sediment, debris, trash, and other floating, suspended, or settleable solids. For exceptions to this standard see Section D(1) below.

1. Design engineers shall use either of the following grates whenever they use a grate in pavement or another ground surface to collect stormwater from that surface into a storm drain or surface water body under that grate:

- a. The New Jersey Department of Transportation (NJDOT) bicycle safe grate, which is described in Chapter 2.4 of the NJDOT Bicycle Compatible Roadways and Bikeways Planning and Design Guidelines (April 1998); or
- b. A different grate, if each individual clear space in that grate has an area of no more than seven (7.0) square inches, or is no greater than 0.5 inches across the smallest dimension.

Examples of grates subject to this standard include grates in grate inlets, the grate portion (non-curb-opening portion) of combination inlets, grates on storm sewer manholes, ditch grates, trench grates, and grates of spacer bars in slotted drains. Examples of ground surfaces include surfaces of roads (including bridges), driveways, parking areas, bikeways, plazas, sidewalks, lawns, fields, open

channels, and stormwater basin floors.

2. Whenever design engineers use a curb-opening inlet, the clear space in that curb opening (or each individual clear space, if the curb opening has two or more clear spaces) shall have an area of no more than seven (7.0) square inches, or be no greater than two (2.0) inches across the smallest dimension.

3. This standard does not apply:

a. Where the municipal engineer agrees that this standard would cause inadequate hydraulic performance that could not be practically be overcome by using additional or larger storm drain inlets that meet these standards;

b. Where flows are conveyed through any device (e.g., end of pipe netting facility, manufactured treatment device, or a catch basin hood) that is designed, at a minimum, to prevent delivery of all solid and floatable materials that could not pass through one of the following:

- i. A rectangular space four and five-eighths inches long and one and one-half inches wide (this option does not apply for outfall netting facilities); or
- ii. A bar screen having a bar spacing of 0.5 inches.

c. Where flows are conveyed through a trash rack that has parallel bars with one-inch (1") spacing between the bars; or

d. Where the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection determines, pursuant to the New Jersey Register of Historic Places Rules at N.J.A.C. 7:4-7.2(c), that action to meet this standard is an undertaking that constitutes an encroachment or will damage or destroy the New Jersey Register listed historic property.

E. Enforcement.

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Borough Police Department and/or the Construction Official of the Borough of South Plainfield.

F. Penalties.

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00 for each storm drain inlet that is not retrofitted to meet the design standard.

G. Severability.

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

H. Effective date.

— This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

ATTEST:

Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$106.48

November 12, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1907

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 403 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD ENTITLED STORMWATER MANAGEMENT was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, November 12, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, November 22, 2010 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, as follows:

WHEREAS, the Borough Engineer has recommended that Chapter 403 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield entitled Stormwater Management be amended to add regulations requiring dumpsters and other refuse containers, which are outdoors or exposed to stormwater be covered at all times as required as part of the Borough's New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Stormwater Permit; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance shall be enacted simultaneously and in conjunction with Ordinance No. 1906;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 403 of the Code of the Borough of South Plainfield, Stormwater Management, be amended as follows:

ADD: SECTION 405. REFUSE CONTAINERS/ DUMPSTERS.

A. Purpose.

To require dumpsters and other refuse containers that are outdoors or exposed to stormwater to be covered at all times and prohibit the spilling, dumping, leaking, or other discharge of liquids, semi-liquids or solids from the containers to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the Borough of South Plainfield and/or the waters of the State so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply.

B. Definitions.

For the purpose of this ordinance, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this Chapter clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory.

1. Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) – a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by Borough of South Plainfield or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater.

2. Person – any individual, corporation,

company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State subject to municipal jurisdiction.

3. Refuse container – any waste container that a person controls whether owned, leased, or operated, including dumpsters, trash cans, garbage pails, and plastic trash bags.

4. Stormwater – means water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

5. Waters of the State – means the ocean and its estuaries, all springs, streams and bodies of surface or ground water, whether natural or artificial, within the boundaries of the State of New Jersey or subject to its jurisdiction.

C. Prohibited Conduct.

Any person who controls, whether owned, leased, or operated, a refuse container or dumpster must ensure that such container or dumpster is covered at all times and shall prevent refuse from spilling out or overflowing.

Any person who owns, leases or otherwise uses a refuse container or dumpster must ensure that such container or dumpster does not leak or otherwise discharge liquids, semi-liquids or solids to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by the Borough of Raritan.

D. Exceptions to Prohibition.

1. Permitted temporary demolition containers
2. Litter receptacles (other than dumpsters or other bulk containers)
3. Individual homeowner trash and recycling containers
4. Refuse containers at facilities authorized to discharge stormwater under a valid NJPDES permit
5. Large bulky items (e.g., furniture, bound carpet and padding, white goods placed outside for pickup)

E. Enforcement.

This ordinance shall be enforced by the Police Department and/or the Construction Official of the Borough of South Plainfield.

F. Penalties.

Any person(s) who is found to be in violation of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$1,000.00.

G. Severability.

Each section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase of this Ordinance is declared to be an independent section, subsection, sentence, clause and phrase, and the finding or holding of any such portion of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional, void, or ineffective for any cause, or reason, shall not affect any other portion of this Ordinance.

H. Effective date:

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with New Jersey law.

ATTEST:

Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$77.65

November 12, 2010

Middlesex County Unveils Plans For College Scholarship Program

Taking a page from recent announcements of public-private partnerships formed to improve education and job opportunities and building on a federal program that supports returning college students, Middlesex County Freeholder Deputy Director Ronald G. Rios unveiled plans for the Middlesex County Education Stimulus Plan.

Rios said the Middlesex County Education Stimulus Program would establish a public-private partnership to provide scholarships to 100 residents to attend Middlesex County College. Scholarships will include full tuition, a voucher for books at the college bookstore, application fees and counseling services.

"We will aggressively seek partners in the private sector to help us fund the program, which we believe can help our residents retool themselves for the job market and boost our local economy," Rios said. "This is a win-win situation: Our residents who are out of work will gain the knowledge and skills they need to achieve workplace success, and our private partners can use this as a sound recruitment strategy."

Rios said he drew inspiration for the county program from Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg's decision to provide \$100 million for the improvement of the public school system in Newark and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation pledge of \$20 million in grants for businesses and universities to develop online programs to better train students in the basic skills they'll need to thrive in college.

The Middlesex County Education Stimulus Program will focus on adults returning to or beginning college to complete a degree for increased em-

ployability. Eligible students are high school graduates who are at least 21 years old, who have been laid off for more than six months from a full time position or whose job has become obsolete.

Rios unveiled the county program on the heels of an announcement of a new partnership between Middlesex County College and the federal government. The federal government granted the school \$75,000 to provide free counseling for adults with at least 31 college credits who wish to return to school to complete a degree. The counseling services at the college's new "Center for Adults Returning to Education" will include support with the enrollment process, special workshops and tutoring and bookstore vouchers.

Rios said the county's Education Stimulus Program will expand the federal program by offering counseling to all 100 scholarship winners, regardless of how many college credits they have earned.

"We are very pleased to collaborate with the county to expand our CARE program to those with fewer than 31 credits," said Dr. Joanni La Perla-Morales, president of Middlesex County College. "If they otherwise meet the qualifications, they'll be able to come to the college and receive services."

Freeholder Director Christopher D. Rafano, chair of the county's Administration and Finance Committee, said the scholarship program strengthens the county's commitment to providing relevant, quality education. "Through the program, we hope to continue our commitment to providing opportunities for all students to attend our college and help build a solid future."

Joseph Owsianik, 85

Joseph Owsianik died on Monday, Nov. 1 at the VA Hospital (Lyons) in Basking Ridge.

He was born on May 3, 1924 in New Brunswick to Paul Owsianik and Mary (Locke) Owsianik. He was a lifetime resident of South Plainfield.



Joseph Owsianik

Joseph was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army Air Corps where he proudly served his country during World War II. While obtaining the rank of staff sergeant in the 15th Air Force, he received the Purple Heart medal for wounds encountered after being shot down in the B-17 aircraft he was flying over Czechoslovakia. The story of his war experiences were written in a book, *Mighty By Sacrifice and Mission* 263. Joseph was a prisoner of war at Stalag Luft IV (Germany) for nine months. He was an active member of the Ex-Prisoner of War, Military Order of the Purple Heart and a member of the DAV.

Joseph was passionate about his family, especially his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He also taught his family how to master the mechanics of fixing things, but will be remembered lovingly for his jury-rigging and liberal use of duct tape and staples. He enjoyed traveling, gardening, creating original stained glass ornaments, building model airplanes and spending time on his computer.

He is predeceased by his parents, and by five sisters, Anna Bori, Sophie Smith, Mary Sexton, Olga Schenck and Pauline Prehodka.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Josephine (Kosky); two daughters, Belinda and husband Fred Rudzik of Tallahassee, Fla. and Rev.

Obituaries

Robert and Nancy Graham of Shippenville, Pa.; six grandchildren, Jennifer (Joe) Sharpe, Nicholas Mevoli, Kristine Rudzik, Katherine Rudzik, Laurie (Matthew) Buzzard and Scott Simpson and fiancé Shelby Shultz. He also leaves behind three great-grandchildren, Riley and Josi Buzzard and Elizabeth Sharpe, whom he adored and loved spending time with; a sister, Theresa Miller of Nashua, N.H. and a brother, Victor Owsianik of South Plainfield, along with several nieces and nephews. He will be missed by his dear friends of the Czech Republic, Roman Susil, Anton Bonko, Jana Turcinkova and Mayor George Gavlis.

Funeral services were held at McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Lung Association or to the Alzheimer's Association.

David Atwood Dryden, 71

David Atwood Dryden passed into God's loving hands on Saturday, Nov. 6.

David and his late wife, Sieglinde, had lived in South Plainfield since 1967.

He graduated from St. Mark's School in 1957 and Princeton University in 1961 and served in the U.S. Army MP Corps from 1963 to 1965 in Germany. Upon returning to the United States, he worked for the Sun Oil Co. in Newark, then for Emil Hamilton Inc. in West Paterson. He retired from General Public Utilities, Oyster Creek Nuclear Generating Station, Forked River in 1995.

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He is survived by a sister, Linda Atwood Dryden of Charleston, S.C. and her family; two sons, Oliver E. Braun and wife Bernadette and Norman Braun and wife Martha; and two grandsons, Jordan Atwood Braun and Cory Lee Braun, all of Pennsylvania.

Funeral services were under the direction of McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

Memorial donations instead of flowers may be made to the American Institute of Cancer Research.

Eugene Theodore Rhines, 86

Eugene T. Rhines died on Monday, Nov. 8 at JFK Medical Center in Edison.

Born in Ashley, Pa. Eugene had been a resident of South Plainfield since 1969.

He was honorably discharged from the United States Navy as a painter third class in January of 1946. He worked as a supervisor for Mapes & Sprawl Steel located in Linden until his retirement in 1986.

He was a member of the South Plainfield Senior Citizens.

Eugene leaves behind his wife, Elsie (Jass) Rhines; two children, Debra Leib and husband Douglas and Gary Rhines, both of Old Bridge; and by three grandchildren, Ruth Rhines and Mallory and Brad Leib.

Services were held under the direction of McCriskin-Gustafson Home For Funerals.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

November 5, 2010

Public Notice is hereby given that the following action was taken by the South Plainfield Board of Adjustment at its meeting held on November 4, 2010.

A. Case # 34-10-Bhalode Girish, Block 367; Lot 2.06; R-10 Zone The applicant's request for a rear yard setback variance in order to erect a deck was hereby GRANTED subject to additional voluntary conditions.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Beth Khidre
Secretary-Board of Adjustment

\$31.34

November 12, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1902

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 1840 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE LICENSING AND REGULATION OF CHARITABLE CLOTHING BINS" was adopted after a Public Hearing and final reading were conducted on Monday, November 8, 2010 at the Public Meeting of the Governing Body which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and is being advertised in The Observer on Friday, November 12, 2010.

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$28.03

November 12, 2010

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD
MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1905

AN ORDINANCE RESCINDING ORDINANCE 1181 ENTITLED "AN ORDINANCE REGULATING PARKING IN THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, COUNTY OF MIDDLESEX, STATE OF NEW JERSEY" was adopted after a Public Hearing and final reading were conducted on Monday, November 8, 2010 at the Public Meeting of the Governing Body which began at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080 and is being advertised in The Observer on Friday, November 12, 2010.

ATTEST:
Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

\$28.50

November 12, 2010

Congratulations Puja! #1 JUNIOR JOURNALIST



Charlie and Debbie Kurland of Hometown Heros deliver dinner to Junior Journalist winner Puja Vengadasalam and parents Sarbani and Pannir, grandparents Chandana and Jagadindar Sen and uncle, Subhas Sea.



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Stephanie Walsh Joins RE/MAX Competitive Edge South Plainfield



Stephanie Walsh

Stephanie Walsh has joined the RE/MAX Competitive Edge South Plainfield office as the newest member of this dynamic sales team. Stephanie is a lifelong, active resident of South Plainfield and brings to the office several years of experience in real estate. Stephanie was formerly with Prime Real Estate in Springfield, specializing in rentals as well as new home sales.

"I am proud to be a part of the South Plainfield RE/MAX office and Jack Pedersen's team," said Walsh. "Connecting with RE/MAX will be a significant benefit to my clients, because it has the most powerful and efficient referral system in the business. There are nearly 100,000 RE/MAX affiliates in more than 80 countries, meaning that when I list a property

here in South Plainfield, it is exposed to a huge audience. And the technology tools that RE/MAX has to offer can help my clients get the best possible price for their home in the least amount of time."

Walsh said another advantage offered by the company is RE/MAX Mainstreet, an extranet that allows its agents to share referrals, marketing techniques and the latest information about technology, advertising and similar topics.

"Ongoing education is a strong priority at RE/MAX," said Walsh. "No other real estate organization has a higher percentage of affiliates with advanced, professional designations."

RE/MAX Competitive Edge is located at 32 South Plainfield Ave. Walsh may be reached at (908) 755-0200.

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Cub Scout Pack 207 held their Halloween Pack meeting on October 19 at Franklin School. The scouts and siblings (and a few adults) dressed in costume and decorated pumpkins for their respective dens. All families participated in a Cub Scout Trunk-R-Treating, giving out candy while showing off great looking Halloween vehicles. Cubmaster Tom Berry would like to thank all the kids and families for coming out and making it a great event for everyone.



The Future Stars Preschool 2½ year old class, with teachers Mrs. McConville and Ms. Patty, at their Halloween Party. Children made the scarecrows that are pictured behind them.

LEGAL NOTICES

BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD MIDDLESEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY

LEGAL NOTICE

ORDINANCE NO. 1908

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING ORDINANCE #1278 ENTITLED: "THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, 1992", REGARDING BILLBOARDS was adopted on first reading and advertised in the Observer on Friday, November 12, 2010 and that a public hearing be scheduled for Monday, November 22, 2010 at the Public Meeting which will begin immediately following the 7:00pm Agenda Meeting in the Municipal Building, 2480 Plainfield Avenue, South Plainfield, NJ 07080, as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE BOROUGH OF SOUTH PLAINFIELD, NEW JERSEY as follows:

WHEREAS, numerous court decisions have held that billboard messages are constitutionally protected free speech; and

WHEREAS, currently the Borough of South Plainfield does not permit billboards everywhere within its boundaries; and

WHEREAS, the Borough Council desires to amend its zoning ordinance to permit billboards in certain areas, subject to the standards hereinafter set forth; and

WHEREAS, Interstate 287 ("I-287") is a high capacity, limited access highway within the Borough, connecting with similar roads in areas to the east and west, and is a part of the national interstate highway system; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield believes that I-287 is the only roadway in the Borough where billboards can be appropriately sited without having a detrimental impact on the Borough, provided the standards hereinafter described are met; and

WHEREAS, N.J.S.A. 27:5-5, et seq., and the regulations promulgated thereunder at N.J.A.C. 16:51C-1 et seq. set forth certain minimum standards for roadside sign control and advertising; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of South Plainfield desires to adopt additional standards appropriate to the Borough of South Plainfield, County of Middlesex, State of New Jersey, that:

Article X, Conditional Uses, is hereby supplemented to include a new Section 1005, to read as follows:

1005. Billboards.

A. Location. Billboards are classified as a permitted conditional use on any non-residential zoned parcel abutting I-287 permitted only within the RH, OBC-3, M-1, M-2 and OPA-1 zones along I-287, and only within 150 feet of the nearest right-of-way line of I-287; and at least 500 feet from any residential zone boundary, measured to the nearest edge of the billboard sign area, including any copy extensions.

B. Billboard Height: The maximum billboard height shall not exceed forty (40) feet above the average elevation of I-287 extending two hundred (200) feet either side of the proposed billboard location.

C. Billboard Setback: The minimum setback from the I-287 right-of-way shall be fifteen (15) feet. The minimum setback from any other lot line or street line shall be fifty (50) feet measured to the nearest edge of the billboard sign area, including any copy extension, except a setback of five hundred (500) feet is to be provided from any residentially zoned parcel.

D. Billboard Area: The maximum billboard sign area facing any one direction shall be 672 square feet. Copy extensions beyond the basic billboard sign are permitted provided they do not exceed ten (10%) percent of the basic billboard sign area.

E. Billboard Number: A maximum of one (1) billboard per parcel is permitted. The total number of billboard structures located along the I-287 right-of-way shall not exceed four (4) within any linear

mile, considering both sides of I-287 (two (2) on each side of the roadway). The minimum interval distance between billboards along the same side of I-287 shall be not less than 1,000 feet.

F. Billboard Orientation: Billboards shall be designed and constructed to confine their lines of sight to I-287, and shall utilize stealth coloring of its supporting members and framework, and shall only be permitted if adequately screened by trees, buildings or topography, so that its sign copy cannot be read from within any part of a residential zone.

G. Supplemental Regulations:

i. Billboards shall not exhibit any flashing, waving, blinking, twinkling animating, moving, raised or projected elements or illusions of movement.

ii. No vehicle shall be regularly parked, stopped or located in such a manner to be used as or considered a billboard.

iii. Billboards shall not emit smoke, steam, visible vapors, particles or sound.

iv. Billboards shall not be of such design or location that they interfere with, complete for attention with, or may be mistaken for a traffic signal. This shall include the use of an arrow, the words "stop" or "yield" or use of the colors red, yellow or green in direct illumination or in high reflection by the use of special preparations such as fluorescent paint or glass.

v. Billboards may be illuminated but shall be arranged so that no light or glare is directed or reflected onto adjoining lots or streets, or into windows of any structures used solely for storage in the area or vicinity of the billboard. No external beam shall be directed downward. An illumination must be shielded to prevent spillage off the lot. Billboards shall not exhibit exposed incandescent bulbs, neon tubes or mirrors.

vi. Billboards shall not display any pornographic images nor advertisements for adult entertainment activities or businesses, including, but not limited to gentlemen's clubs.

vii. Billboards shall not exhibit or imply a message which is inconsistent with the Borough goals of protecting the health, safety and welfare of South Plainfield residents as referenced in the South Plainfield Borough Master Plan.

viii. Billboards shall not use movable, changeable or removable letters, or multiple message signs.

ix. Billboards shall be of sound construction and shall be permanently affixed to the ground in a manner conforming to the New Jersey Construction Code.

x. Billboards shall be periodically maintained by the owner, including painting, repairing and cleaning, as necessary. Any billboard that, because of improper maintenance, is deemed to be in a state of disrepair shall be repaired by the owner of said sign within 14 days of notice requiring repair.

xi. Evergreen shrubbery is to be provided across the full width of the base of all ground-mounted billboards. Where billboards are raised in the air on a pole(s), a double staggered row of evergreen trees is to be planted around the supporting structure at a maximum interval of eight (8) feet on center, plantings to be ten (10) to twelve (12) feet in height at the time of planting.

H. Billboards shall be subject to the bulk regulations and yard requirements of the applicable zone, as set forth in the Schedule of General Requirements in the Zoning Ordinance, except as otherwise specified in paragraph (C) above.

ATTEST:

Joann Graf/Municipal Clerk

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November 12, 2010

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Oktoberfest Celebration Held at Our Lady of Czestochowa

By Patricia Abbott

Our Lady of Czestochowa Church held its first Oktoberfest on October 30. Since the event was sold out well in advance, a second seating was added to accommodate additional people. The Oktoberfest was an offshoot from the August International Food Festival held at Sacred Heart Church and organized by South Plainfield resident Chef Raul Rodriguez.

The event at Sacred Heart was so successful that Fr. Maciej Melaniuk, pastor of Our Lady of Czestochowa, granted Rodriguez permission to organize a similar event at his parish. This was not an ordinary Oktoberfest, which traditionally features German foods such as pork and sauerkraut. When the time arrived for the Oktoberfest to begin, the room was already packed. The tables were already filled with people and a long line formed

that ran all the way to the back of the room. Some people had to wait for seats to be vacated before they could begin to collect their meal.

The huge event was organized in barely a months time. Rodriguez began the daunting task by soliciting donations of various international foods through announcements at all the Masses, as well as phone calls and personal meetings. He was pleased when he received 51 responses offering to bring a variety of dishes representing their heritage. Front Street Farmers Market and Oak Tree Discount Wine and Spirits owned by The Tramonano and Raiti Families respectively, gave their much-appreciated support.

Rodriguez said, "The delectable dishes concocted by all the donors were savored with much-gusto by both the 149 people at the first seating and the 60 at the second seating. It was a cultural growth for everyone to have tasted the American, Filipino, French, German, Honduras, Indian, Italian, Jamaican, Mexican, Peruvian and Polish delicacies."

There were 37 different amazing ethnic dishes to choose from as well as bread, beverages and a wide variety of desserts. Many opted for seconds, gladly going back in line for more of the delicious dishes. Mina Rodriguez, Raul's wife, created a beautiful autumn chocolate cake with mocha butter icing and decorated with colorful fall flowers and leaves for which she received many kudos.

Another unusual dish was the Viet-



Father John Alvarado

namese lotus root salad made from shredded lotus roots with cilantro, sliced tomatoes, chopped carrots, anise seeds, peeled shrimps and seasoned with sweet, sour and mildly hot dressing.

Rodriguez noted that the many

kitchen and serving volunteers worked through both seatings with only a small break for their own dinner. He added that the church hopes to hold the event on an annual basis.

Pleased with the turnout and the tremendous success of the evening Rodriguez said, "The Oktoberfest met its objective of promoting camaraderie, cultural growth and interaction, not only among the Lady of Czestochowa parishioners, but among the members of the community who met each other for the first time."

"The parish needs to raise money, that's true, but we need to get to know each other better, to form a real community and the best way to do that is to sit together and eat each others' food. So I am very grateful to all those who made this event so successful, such as Raul and Mina Rodriguez and the OLC Rosary Altar Society," commented Fr. Maciej.



Raul and Mina Rodriguez with desserts served at Oktoberfest.



Mayor Charles Butrico with mom, Irene and daughter, Michele.

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